

TO:FCC Public Comment RequestRE:Local Emergency Radio Service Preservation Act of 2004

I would like to voice my opposition to H.R. 4026, the Local Emergency Radio Service Preservation Act of 2004.

In a true local emergency, would it not be the respective government entities job to disseminate the needed as quickly and as widely as possible? Why are you considering removing a percentage of the population from the information loop?

If local broadcasters would get their head out of the sand and try to give the market a choice, there wouldn't be a need for satellite radio. If I am willing to pay my own way to listen to the music and programming that I, as a consumer desire to hear, then it is my choice.

I feel that H.R. 4026, the Local Emergency Radio Service Preservation Act of 2004 totally frivolous. This bill is merely a cover for an attempt by the broadcast lobby to get the government to provide protection for an industry that feels threatened by new competition. The broadcasting lobby needs to look at the product it offers, and in the American spirit of competition offer is a better product at a better price, and it will not have to worry about using the power of the Federal Communications Commission to limit the choices of the consumer.